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**From:** N  
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Sir,

Would it not make sense rather than to reimburse MP's in a way which could lead to misunderstanding over what is or is not a legitimate claim to provide the following;

Overnight accomodation to be provided in a "Travel Lodge / Premeir Inn" type establishment set up by the Government which provides MP's with a bedroom, study and ensuite facility, basic breakfast and evening meal provided at no cost to the Member when attending Parliament, located near to the Houses of Parliament. This would allow security to be managed in one area and avoid MP's having to be shadowed at all times. MP's would be located near to Parliament and therefore be able to attend late night discussions or early morning motions without excuse and so represent those that have elected them.

A travel warrant to be used on public transport for the MP and one member of staff when attending Parliament or visiting the constituency. This would allow the MP to be able to talk to the General Public and experience the travel facilities available to them. If the MP should not want to travel by this means then they would need to provide their own car and pay for their own fuel.

The salary as they receive now - adequate for more than most people - and a requirement not to sit on any board or take any other form of paid employment in either the public or private sector in order that they can devote their time to their constituency and the job in hand.

Any items above and beyond the foregoing would be at the MP's or their Parties own expense. This might focus the MP's mind on what is really important in the World at this time and demonstrate that the position of an MP is a job and that the MP has the responsibility to work for the common cause in the same way as a refuse collector, a teacher, a doctor, a company chairman or any other worker in this Country has to. This system might make the MP consider his budget, his environmental footprint, his prudence and due diligence as we the General Public are urged to do at all times.

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